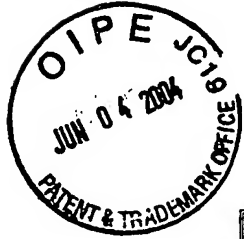


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), Applicants submit the art listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, along with a copy of the referenced art, and note that fees are believed to be due in

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that this art is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

The filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner, and shall not be construed as a representation that Applicants or Applicants' attorneys have personal knowledge of the contents of the listed art or any events surrounding the listed art.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180.00 for the filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under § 1.17(p) from Deposit Account 23-3189 of Hunton & Williams LLP (Dallas) and reference Attorney Docket No. 82274.91. To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required at any time during prosecution of this application, including petition and extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including any under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 and reference Attorney Docket No. 82274.91. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

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